

Willard's activities. Jess was an excellent meal ticket. On the other hand, Jones and Curley deserve some credit for bringing Willard forward and handling his business so as to get the best financial returns.

The combination throughout seemed to think much more of money than of popularity. There was never a champion in any class so little admired by the public as Willard. He preferred picking up easy money in circuses and shows to standing in the ring and whaling at some opponent.

No sympathy is due either side. Various stories as to high finance have been circulated regarding the combination. One is to the effect that when Jess first went with the circus Jones and Curley signed a contract for a certain sum. Then they went to Willard and got him to sign a contract calling for a smaller sum. They took their percentage from this sum and thus worked both ends.

Whether this yarn is true is something that has not been proven.

But the dollar sign has always been the mark of the syndicate. When Willard fought Moran the great portion of the news of the affair dealt with the size of the purse and the amount of the gate. Dollar signs decorated everything and sport was a secondary consideration. This one battle went a long way toward putting the fight game under in New York.

When Willard fired Jones as manager he offered him a doortender's job with the circus at \$50 a week. Tom turned it down.

We hold no brief for Willard, the "unfoughtest" fighter who ever held a title, but the dreadful face that Jones and Curley may have to go to work gives us no pains around the heart.

Red Faber pitched a three-hit victory over Cleveland yesterday and that furnishes one of the best bits of news Sox fans have received for

some weeks. Faber in condition is one of the toughest problems to solve in the American league and will be good for many South Side victories.

Coupled with the return of Faber is a marked improvement in the batting of Eddie Collins. The star second baseman has been hitting lustily since the club came home, the only member of the troop who has poled consistently. He inserted a triple yesterday that was an important factor in putting the Sox out in front.

Great doings on the North Side tomorrow. Pittsburgh will be here and the game will celebrate the return of Hans Wagner. This is the first time this season Honus has been seen in action by Chicago fans, and his popularity in the past, his fine record for excellence of playing and sportsmanship, insures a big turnout.

Another fight is brewing in the National league. The Cubs gave Vic Saler an unconditional release to make room for Driscoll, intending to bring Saler back when his leg was strong again. Now Barney Dreyfuss comes forward with a claim to Vic, saying he had never waived on the fire baseman. There seems to be no legal reason preventing Dreyfuss getting Vic if he is willing to pay the coin. He will have to hand Saler his salary for the remainder of the season.

But Barney is violating the courtesy rule of the National league—a rule which has caused many players to go back to the minors when they were good enough to remain in the majors—and the local officials may jam with the Pirate chief.

Nehf stopped Giants and Braves won. Maranville hit a double and three singles.

Cravath tripled with bases full to give Phils win over Brooklyn.

Milan's strong batting put Washington ahead of Macks in messy game.

Good pitching by Daus and Bo-